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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Records Management Division

Winchester, VA 22602-4843

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Vahid Majidi



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Re: Manuscript: "A Spore on A Grassy Knoll: An Insider's Account of the Anthrax Mailings"

Dear Mr. Majidi,

This letter is in response to your request of September 28, 2012, for review of the above referenced manuscript for publication pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) and Prepublication Review Manual (POL05-001-RMD).

Your submission was reviewed pursuant to the terms of the PRP and we concluded that none of the information presented falls within a restricted area of disclosure. Therefore, there is no objection to the publication of your manuscript, as presented.

You may include your past FBI employment as part of your biographical data, providing that the FBI is given no more emphasis than other similar biographical information. In addition, please incorporate a disclaimer advising readers that the opinions expressed in the manuscript are yours and not those of the FBI.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted] at 540-868-1697 or via e-mail at [redacted]. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

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Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section

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[redacted] (RMD)(FBI)

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From: [redacted] (CD)(FBI)
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2012 9:19 AM
To: [redacted] (RMD)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI); HARDY, DAVID (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [redacted] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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I've finished my review and have no problems with it.

WMDD

NO

Issues

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From: [redacted] (RMD)(FBI)
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 9:36 AM
To: [redacted] (CD)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI); HARDY, DAVID (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [redacted] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Hi [redacted]

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Just checking in to see how this review is coming along. Any update is appreciated.

Thanks.

[redacted]
Prepublication Review Coordinator
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 22602
540-868-1697

From: [redacted] (CD)(FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 8:52 AM
To: [redacted] (RMD)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI); HARDY, DAVID (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [redacted] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Got it. thanks

From: [REDACTED] (RMD)(FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 8:28 AM
To: [REDACTED] (CD)(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (RMD) (FBI); HARDY, DAVID (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [REDACTED] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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We just want to make sure none of the information [REDACTED] discusses with regards to the investigation or the WMDD is of concern to be released publicly.

For example, if sensitive techniques are mentioned that would only be known to the WMDD, please advise of this. We just want to be sure you all are ok with the info being released. If you feel something should be removed, let us know.

Hope this helps.

[REDACTED]
Prepublication Review Coordinator
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 22602
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From: [REDACTED] (CD)(FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 6:58 AM
To: [REDACTED] (RMD)(FBI)
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [REDACTED] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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I got it. Can you tell me what to look for during the review?

From: [REDACTED] (RMD)(FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 10:50 AM
To: [REDACTED] (WMD)(FBI); [REDACTED] (CD)(FBI)
Cc: [REDACTED] (RMD) (FBI); HARDY, DAVID (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [REDACTED] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Just sent it over on the low side.

Thanks for your help.

From: [redacted] (WMD)(FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 10:44 AM
To: [redacted] (RMD)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI); HARDY, DAVID (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [redacted] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[redacted]
I did remember receiving it on the low side. I searched and can no longer find it – I expect I fat-fingered it into another dimension. Please (re)send to myself and [redacted]
Thanks,

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From: [redacted] (RMD)(FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 9:55 AM
To: [redacted] (WMD)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI); HARDY, DAVID (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [redacted] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[redacted]
I sent you the manuscript on the low side on 10/9. You indicated you received it. Would you like me to re send?

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[redacted]
Prepublication Review Coordinator
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 22602
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From: [redacted] (WMD)(FBI)
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 5:39 PM
To: [redacted] (RMD)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI); HARDY, DAVID (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [redacted] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[redacted]
If you send me the manuscript, I can take care of review within the WMD Directorate. I am also going to send an email to [redacted] in CID as he worked extensively on the case in the later years.

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Best,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (RMD)(FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 3:37 PM
To: [redacted] (WMD)(FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI); HARDY, DAVID (RMD) (FBI)
Subject: Prepublication Review Help Manuscript by [redacted] Vahid Majidi --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[redacted]
We have a manuscript by [redacted] Vahid Majidi. It deals with the WMDD investigation in the Anthrax mailings. When we get cases of this nature we immediately try to reach out to the appropriate Section for them to do a review of the manuscript for any information they feel should not be released. My SC David Hardy has asked I reach out to you to determine who in WMDD would be the person or persons needed to review this manuscript. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Thank you.

[redacted]
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PREPUBICATION REVIEW OFFICE INFORMATION SHEET

Prepub #: PPR12-254

Date/Method of Receipt: 9/28/12

Requestor/Author Information:

Name: Majidi, Vahid

Address:

[Redacted Address Box]

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Telephone:

[Redacted Telephone Box]

Fax:

Email:

Title/Description:

#. of pages:

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"A Spore on A Grassy Knoll: An Insider's Account
Of the Anthrax Mailings"

Assignment Information:

Assigned to:

[Redacted Assigned to Box]

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Difficulty:

Simple

Medium

Difficult

Estimated Completion Date:

Closed:

11/5/12

Date of Response Letter:

11/5/12

Miscellaneous:

RE: Question with regard to prepublication clearance

Vahid Majidi [REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2012 10:42 AM**To:** FBI.PREPUB**Attachments:** Majidi Amerithrax Book.pdf (454 KB)

[REDACTED]

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Thank you for your quick reply. I have attached a PDF copy of my draft book material.

Vahid

From: [REDACTED]**To:** [REDACTED]**Date:** Fri, 28 Sep 2012 09:36:50 -0400**Subject:** RE: Question with regard to prepublication clearance

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Hi Vahid,

The book sounds very interesting. I would submit it to us prior to reaching out to a literary agent. A lot of times agents make strict deadlines and that can sometimes interfere with our review process, so it's better for all involved for us to see it first.

Generally how the process works is we have a 30 working day timeframe. However this can be extended due to lengthy or complex cases. We will take a look at the manuscript, and either mail you an approval or amendment letter if we feel things need to be changed.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

[REDACTED]

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Prepublication Review Office

Records Management Division

Record/Information Dissemination Section

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Tel: (540) 868-1697

Fax: (540) 868-4997

From: Vahid Majidi [REDACTED]**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2012 4:25 PM**To:** FBI.PREPUB**Subject:** FW: Question with regard to prepublication clearance

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Dear PRO:

For the past six years I was employed at the FBI as [REDACTED] I just finished my first draft of a short book, that I have been working on since my departure from the BU, and it is based on my experiences around the Amerithrax case. The draft is a short 43000 word manuscript and I am just starting to look around for a literary agent to help find a publisher.

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Ultimately, even if I don't find a publisher, I will go ahead with a digital self-publishing house such as Amazon or Borders. In any case, because some of the book centers on my work at DOJ and FBI, I am sure that it needs to go through prepublication clearance (although I am certain that it does not contain any sensitive or classified information in it).

My question is, should I submitted a copy for review to your office now before the book is in its final format or would you like to see it after I have the input from a literary agent?

Thank you,

Vahid Majidi

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 27 Sep 2012 16:06:52 -0400

Subject: RE: Question with regard to prepublication clearance

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Hey Vahid, hope you're well. We don't do Pre Pub here in OPA, it's all done out of RMD in Winchester. I've pasted below what we have on the website that should be helpful to you. But let me know if I can do anything to help. [REDACTED]

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Prepublication Review Office

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The Prepublication Review Office (PRO) is responsible for the FBI's prepublication review program based on the obligation of FBI personnel and persons with whom the FBI contracts to safeguard sensitive and classified information from unauthorized disclosures. This obligation is based on statutes, regulations, access and employment agreements, contractual clauses, and the fiduciary relationships into which employees or contractor personnel enter when they are entrusted with such information in the performance of their official duties.

The PRO coordinates the prepublication-review process—preparing the FBI response to each request for prepublication, reviewing the submitted work upon receipt, and screening it to determine if further review is required and by whom. If there is an objection to disclosure of any portion of a work, the PRO notifies the author that the FBI withholds permission to disclose or publish the portions and requests such modifications as may be necessary. If the author submits a corrected portion for further review, the PRO continues to work with the requester until final clearance is authorized.

For further information, please contact:

Prepublication Review Coordinator

Phone: (540) 868-1697

E-mail:

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Address:

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Records Management Division
170 Marcel Drive
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Re: Untitled Manuscript (Prologue-Chapter 6)

Dear [redacted]

This letter is in response to your request of September 27, 2012, for review of the above referenced manuscript for publication pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) and Prepublication Review Manual (POL05-001-RMD).

This manuscript was reviewed pursuant to the terms of the PRP and the reviewer noted the following matters which require possible amendment/correction.

1. For the following names, please ensure that a pseudonym is used to protect the identity of these individuals:

[redacted]

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*If the names listed above are already pseudonyms, the names are approved. In addition, if the names are publicly known through court records or news articles, the names are approved. If not, please change them. Also, if you have written approval from the above individuals to use their real names, please provide a copy of the authorization, and we will approve their release.

2. [redacted]

[redacted] This information would tend to reveal the identity of a confidential source.

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3. [redacted]

[redacted] This information would tend to reveal the identity of a confidential source.

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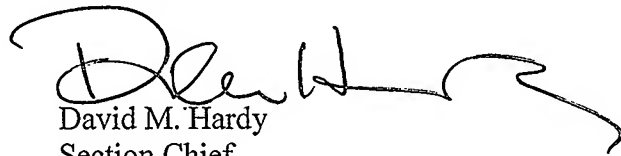
You may include your past FBI employment as part of your biographical data, providing that the FBI is given no more emphasis than other similar biographical information. In addition, please incorporate a disclaimer advising readers that the opinions expressed in the manuscript are yours and not those of the FBI.

Please submit a copy of the amended pages for review by this office before proceeding in this matter.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted] at 540-868-1697 or via e-mail at [redacted]. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

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Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section

Re: prepublication review

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Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2012 10:08 PM**To:** [REDACTED] (LD)(CON); [REDACTED]**Cc:** [REDACTED]**Attachments:** Working Copy_21 Sept_rd.docx (147 KB)

[REDACTED]

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Thanks so much. I'm forwarding to [REDACTED] herewith, in case the other addressees are no longer there. Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]**To:** [REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2012 3:37 PM**Subject:** RE: prepublication review

[REDACTED]

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I have the chapters. If you could confirm for me that the FBI received the chapters that would be great. I am not sure [REDACTED] are still around. The current point of contact is [REDACTED] I would be glad to forward the chapters to him, unless you think it would be better for you to since you are former FBI and could provide him any additional background information that he may need.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2012 1:47 PM**To:** [REDACTED]**Cc:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** prepublication review

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Enclosed are the first chapters of a book [REDACTED] and I are writing. We would like to put them through [REDACTED] and FBI pre-publication review before we submit them to a literary agent. I am [REDACTED]

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Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to working with you again.

[REDACTED]

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The pre-publication review process has always been pleasant. Regards,

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